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MANAGER.

**A ROUSING RECEPTION.**  
ALL  
**LONDON AND NEW YORK ROARING.**  
THE

Laugh Reaches Across the Ocean.  
AT THE  
COMEDY THEATRE, LONDON; STANDARD THEATRE, N. Y.

**THE SPORTSMAN,**  
With the Leading Comedy Players.  
**CHARLES FROHMAN'S COMEDIANS.**

**EXTRA MATINEE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.**

## ANOTHER SLUMP IN READING. THE SUNDAY PRESS

Over 500,000 Shares of the Stock  
Changed Hands To Day

received while working.  
127 FAMILIES have received benefits under this feature.

**Slaughter of the Innocents.**

WALL STREET, Saturday, Feb. 18.—The excitement consequent upon the great shrinkage in Reading securities was promptly revived at the opening of the Stock Exchange

**THE SUNDAY PRESS**

Rarely, if ever, has the trading at the Stock Exchange been so large.

800,000 shares of Heading changed hands and the price declined from 40½ to 30½, making the loss fully 10 points in two days. Blocks of 5,000 shares were frequently

and the excitement at intervals was intense. Finally support was forthcoming, and a rally to 38 ensued.

rumors were in circulation, some of them  
emanating from Philadelphia and other out-  
of-town places, that the Reading Company  
had had large loans called up by financial  
men in the financial community.

stitutions; that its finances generally are in good shape, and that the men who were originally responsible for the formation of the iniquitous coal combine were unable to carry their load any longer.

There have undoubtedly been enormous liquidations and the Philadelphia crowd are by far the heaviest losers.

When President McLeod, of the Reading, approached upon the territory of the New

daughter of the Confederacy.

**"CABINET DISAPPOINT.** Interesting inside political history, by Frank J.

York, New Haven & Hartford by his famous Boston & Maine deal many shrewd operators in Wall street said that his downfall was only a question of time.

The Vanderbilts and Rockefellers, together

with their ally, Drexel, Morgan & Co., were thought to be altogether too strong for the McLeod contingent and it is now thought that the Pennsylvania has had a hand in the movement to break up the combine.

But Col. Hain Says It Was Only Thirty Minutes.

General Manager Hain, of the Manhattan "L" system, was either mistaken or misinformed this morning regarding the blockade at Ninth avenue and Fifty

At the office of the Reading Railroad in

"Philadelphia it was said there was nothing in the condition of the Company to warrant the decline in the stock. None of the rumors now current, it was declared, had any foundation, and the Company's finances were